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E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: MARR, MASS, SA

SUBJECT: TRUCKS FOR SAUDI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

REF: (A) DA WASHDC MSG DTG 042125Z (B) JIDDA 1108

1. I INFORMED PRINCE SULTAN (SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER) MARCH 10 PRICES OF TRUCKS WERE LOWEST AVAILABLE. WE HAD TRIED HARD TO GET HIM BETTER PRICES AND LONGER TERMS BUT THESE WERE NOT POSSIBLE, LARGELY BECAUSE OF CONTINUOUS INFLATIONARY TREND.

2. SULTAN SEEMED TO ACCEPT THE EXPLANATION BUT WAS CONCERNED THAT THE MARCH 15 DEADLINE IS "ALMOST HERE"-- WOULD WE DO SOMETHING TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO MID-APRIL? I PROMISED WE WOULD TRY.

3. DETAILS OF THE OFFER HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY MODA NOR INDEED BY USMTM. I ASSURED SULTAN THEY WOULD ARRIVE SOON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I URGE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE OFFER BE EXTENDED TO MID-APRIL IF POSSIBLE BUT AT THE VERY LEAST TO EARLY APRIL. IF THIS CAN BE DONE, I THINK WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF GETTING THE CONTRACT.  
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